Rosedale, Pa., and the Benshoffs.

Where is Rosedale? Here is a question in local geography which doubtless many of our citizens could not correctly answer; and yet the place in question is a thriving village of about forty houses, several important manufacturing establishments, a church, school house, etc., distant less than a mile from the business centre of Johnstown. Many villages no longer or more important, situated ten or twenty miles away, are better known to the average citizen than this new suburb.

Part of the lots at Rosedale were laid out and sold by the Cambria Iron Company, and part of them by Mr. Benjamin Benshoff, who lives at the upper end of the village. In the fall of 1875, having previously bought 172 acres of land from the Cambria Iron Company at $50 an acre, including the valley of Hingston's Run, Mr. Benshoff built himself a comfortable frame house, with modern conveniences, including water supplied by water works of his own construction, a furnace for heating, etc. He built a good frame barn and extended the small clearing that had previously been made on the land, which was at that time mostly covered by timber. He also bought other land further up the stream, making in all about 440 acres. At first he carried on the dairy business, and in 1876 he built a grist mill. Two years later he built a steam saw-mill. About four years ago he and his nephew, Mr. Teeter, built a steam planing-mill and engaged in the building of houses. These enterprises, of course, contributed largely to the growth and prosperity of the village of Rosedale.

Two years ago the planing-mill was burned down, but Messrs Benshoff & Teeter rebuilt it immediately, and it is still in successful operation. The timber for the saw-mill is got mostly from Jackson Township, some of it being hauled a distance of six miles. In addition to his other enterprises Mr. Benshoff has opened a coal bank near his other works for the purpose of supplying them, as well as the citizens of the place, with coal. Mr. Burket, a son-in-law of Mr. Benshoff, also carries on the butchering business at Rosedale. And there as here, as in every village, the inevitable blacksmith's shop.

Rosedale has one church of the Dunkard denomination—dedicated a year ago last February—in which services are held regularly, Rev. Benjamin Goughnour being the pastor. There is also one public school in the place, and the number of pupils is so large that another is imperatively demanded. Mr. William Crawford was the teacher last term.

THE BENSHOFF FAMILY.

In this connection some account of the Benshoff family and their possession in the neighborhood of Johnstown may not be uninteresting.

Paul Benshoff, the grandfather of Mr. Benjamin Benshoff, came from Maryland about the year of 1799. He first settled on the hill above what is now Franklin Borough, on the farm called the "old John Hildebrand place," now occupied by a Mr. Griffith. Then he moved to the piece of bottom land on the south side of the Conemaugh, now known as Cambria Borough.

In 1818 Paul Benshoff bought of the heirs of Abraham Carnog, deceased, a large tract of land in Conemaugh Township, now Taylor Township, about three miles from Johnstown, and on this tract he lived the balance of his life. He reared a family of five sons and three daughters.

Some time prior to the year 1834, Mark Graham, of Johnstown, bought from Espy L. Anderson, of Bedford, for $1,000, a tract of land containing 390 acres, lying on both sides of Hingston's Run. About the year 1834 Mark Graham built a brick house in Minersville, which is still standing, and now owned by Benjamin Benshoff. He also built a saw-mill at the mouth of the run about the same time, but, becoming involved in consequence of making these improvements, he was forced to sell the property, which was bought by Eli Benshoff, second son of Paul Benshoff, and father of Mr. Benjamin Benshoff.

In after years, when ore was discovered on this land and it was becoming quite valuable, Eli used to say that when he made this purchase, in 1837, he had but fifty cents, and had to borrow the hand money. The price agreed to be paid was $3,000, a large sum of money in those days, and Eli's father blamed him for making the purchase, saying it was to big an undertaking for a young man who had nothing; but Eli was equal to the difficulties of the situation, and not only succeeded in paying for this land, but in 1850 he bought one hundred acres of the Carnog tract from his father, Paul Benshoff, and was able to pay for that, too. Both purchases proved very fortunate ones for him and his decendants.

Some time after Eli Benshoff purchased the Graham tract, he sold a part of it to a man named Brallier, who became involved and sold the property back to Eli Benshoff, and about that time iron ore was discovered on the land, and its value was greatly increased by the location of the great iron works of the Cambria Iron Company where they now are.

Benjamin Benshoff, the son of Eli, was born in 1832 on the old homestead, on the part of the Carnog tract which his father bought from his grandfather. When Benjamin was four or five years old his father moved into the "brick house" in Minersville, and he was raised there. He lived there when his father died in 1853, was married there in 1856 to Catharine Snyder, and there several of his children were born. At the death of his father, Benjamin inherited one half of his land, the other half going to his sister, Mrs. Teeter. Subsequently he sold the greater part of this land to the Cambria Iron Company for $40,000. In 1875 he purchased from the same company, 172 acres at $50 an acre, where he now lives, and where he laid out the village of Rosedale, as previously stated.—JOHNSTOWN JOURNAL.

Hudson, Iowa.

The EVANGELIST comes to us week after week, laded with words of cheer and comfort. God bless its Editor with wisdom from on high. May success continue crown his labors. While the philanthropists meet to contemplate the most efficient means of extirpating human misery and promoting human happiness, our EVANGELIST is doing its part.

It is said that the most interesting assembly on which eye can fall, or which man can associate is that of a public congregation, met to worship God and to engage in the hallowed pursuits which are directly connected with eternity. God loves our blessed Zion everywhere. He comes to his people with precious promises. The most ancient promise is, "Wherever my name is recorded," "Wherever two or three are gathered together."

Every thing is full of God, but he manifests Himself unto his people as He does not unto the world. The blessedness of the Gospel dispensation, prophets and kings desired to see what we see. We must personally enjoy the liberty, the rest, the abundance, the joy.

How I sympathize with brother Yoder and family. The hand of affliction had been laid upon him for sometime, while his noble-hearted companion stood by his side, gave words of cheer as I know she did with all her heart, but now that same hand, though perhaps in a different form, is resting upon her. We pray God in her behalf for the restoration of her heart. May the secret breathing of many hearts unitedly go to God in her behalf.

J. NICHOLSON.

Christ, the True Way.

"If Christ be for us, who can be against us." We find that we are to observe every command that the Lord gave. The children of Israel were punished for not keeping the commands of God. How can we expect to go unpunished if we violate the law of Christ. I see no chance of escape only by keeping and doing the whole law. We may have a form of godliness and say we are Christ's, but that will not do. Saying and doing are too seperate things. First say and then do, or do and then say. It is not those who say, Lord, Lord, that will enter into that promised rest. It will be those that stand firm as did Daniel, not bowing the knee to every idol that is set up before us. Let us be simple enough to take Christ at his word, and do whatsoever he has told us. We can not stand in the church, and at the same time do as the world does. We can not do as the world does through the week, and on Sunday serve Christ with a clear conscience. We must either be warm or cold, not luke-warm; for such God will not own as his. We have too many such so-called Christians in these days, who would like to carry the world on one shoulder, and Christ on the other. God's word for it, that can not be.

A. TROBAUGH,

Programme of the Sabbath School Convention for the Western District of Pennsylvania, to be held at Berlin, Pa., Sept. 14 and 15th, 1886.

First day, Tuesday 14th, From 9 till 11 A. M.

Praise and Song Service, ... By Convention
Music from Brethren Hymnody.
Appointment of Committee on Queries.
Appointment of Committee on Organization.

From 1 : 30 till 4 P. M.

Devotional Exercises, ... H. R. Holsinger
Address of welcome, ... W. A. Seibert
Response, ... By Delegates
Assignment of Queries.
Report—*Origin and History of Sabbath School Instruction,* A. D. Gnagey, W. A. Adams
Report of Committee on Organization.
Valadictory Address, by Ex President.
Music, 15m., ... W. H. Menges
Inaugural Address, by President Elected.
Essay, ... Miss Alice Musser
Appointment of Committees.
Answer of Queries.

From 7 till 9 P. M.

Opening Exercises, ... P. J. Brown
Assignment of Queries.
Discussion—"*The Virtues and the Evils of the Sabbath School,*" R. Z. Replogle, W. A. Harmon, J. M. Olinger
Music, 15m., ... John Hoschstetler
Essay, ... Miss Amanda Musselman
Address, ... J. Duke McFaden
Discussion—"*The Motives Which Prompt all Sabbath School Officers to Diligence,*" A. J. Sterling, B. Gochenour, J. L. Wineland
Answer to Queries.

Second day, Wednesday 15th, From 9 till 11 A. M.

Devotional Exercises, ... J. L. Kimmel
Assignment of Queries.
Essay, ... Miss Lottie Holsinger
Discussion—"*What We May Expect from Efficient Sabbath School Work,*" .... P. Z. Brown, Jacob Murray, A. J. Miller
Report, ... U. M. Buechly, M. D.
Music, 15m., ... J. F. Replogle
Discussion—"*Should We Have Denominational Sabbath School Literature,*" J. B. Wampler, S. Hildebrand, S. S. Forney
Treasurers Report,
Collection.
Answer to Queries.

From 1 : 30 till 4 P. M.

Opening Exercise, ... Daniel Crofford
Assignment of Queries.
Children's Meeting, ... Holsinger and Brown
Essay, ... Miss Mollie Gans
Discussion—"*The Greatest Efficiency in S. S. Work Obtainable only by the Wise Choice and Proper Training of Its Workers,*" J. G. Snider, J. A. Miller, Byron Tombaugh
Music, 15m., ... A. J. Cober
Address, ... H. R. Holsinger
Report—"*The Sabbath School Superintendent and His Work,*" J. L. Kimmel, D. F. Ramsey, J. D. Gans
Answer to Queries

From 7 till 9 P. M.

Opening Exercise, ... D. F. Ramsey
Assignment of Queries,
Recitation, ... Miss R. Belle Sterling
Discussion—"*In what way can the Sabbath School be made Attractive and Inviting to Parents,* J. W. Smouse, Henry Wise, Pat O'Neal
Music, 15m., ... S. Hildebrand
Report of Committee on Resolutions.
Appointment of Executive Committee.
Miscellaneous Business.
Answer to Queries.
Adjournment.

J. H. KNEPPER.
J. G. KIMMEL. } Committee on Programme.
JACOB MUSSER.

DEAR EVANGELIST: Another Sabbath morning I am not permitted to hear the gospel preached, as many of my brethren and sisters are, although I feel to rejoice that I am not deprived of the privilege of rejoicing and praising God for his love and goodness shown to me, and again I can rejoice to know that there are others who do not enjoy the privilege of worshiping God in the spirit and truth. I take the paper and enjoy reading its columns. I love to read of new missionary work. Would to God there were more workers than there are. I read brother Walter Clark's article in No. 28, on love and prayer. If we all felt the goodness of the Divine Hand of love a little more, we would work harder than we do, to proclaim the Gospel. If we only would have the prayerful hearts that we should have, we would have more love for one another and for our God.

Roann, Ind.

This correspondent forgot to give his name.

OBITUARIES.

DIED—Sister Melissa Hall, May 30th, 1886. She was the wife of brother Wesley Hall, and a consistent young member of the brethren church. I was called to the bedside of the dear sister and when entering the house I beheld that death was nigh, and we knelt down and commended her to God, and in a few moments without a struggle the spirit left and was carried by the angels to God who gave it. The funeral sermon was preached on the 31 by the writer, from Hebrews 4 chapter, 9 verse. I have a few words to write for the comfort husband, mother and friends. I have been personally acquainted with the deseased all through her life and she was brought up in the faith of the Gospel. At the age of fourteen she gave herself over to serve God, and was baptized by brother J. B. Wampler in the faith of the Gospel, and she became the wife of brother Hall with whom she lived only a short time. I would say to husband, continue in the faith of the Gospel and live so that you may meet your beloved one where parting shall be no more; and to the mother, be faithful dear mother, and it will not be long till you may be called to meet your dear daughter who has passed from a world of trouble to a land of rest. Death is a warning to us all dear brothers and sisters. Death is calling us away and I say to all who may read this, live for God and pray that you may be found faithful, that we all may one day hear that welcome voice, Come ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom which is prepared for you.

R. B. BOWSER.

DIED—Sister M. Haut departed this life June 11, 1886. In Clayton Co., Ia., aged 81 years, 11 months and 6 days. She was born in Fayett Co., Pa., was received into the Brethren church by brother James Quinter near Masontown and lived a consistant life in the service of her Master, Jesus Christ, until he said it is enough, come up higher. She has a son a minister in the U. B. church. Funeral discourse by Eld. Strother Hansel.